

Deer Task Force
Monday, June 9, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: Ruth Perfido, Becky Ballard, Bill McKernan, Heather Hatfield. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Leonard Perfido, Chris Blane, Peter Wood, Tom Asch from the Block Island Times and clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes. Pat Doyle arrived at 8:00 p.m.
Not Present: Lisa Sprague, George Mellor and Paul Deane.

Meeting was called to order by Ruth Perfido at 7:30 p.m.

1. Public Input – none

2. Approval of minutes from May 12 and May 27, 2014 meetings:

May 12, - minutes were approved with changes in a motion by Ruth Perfido, seconded by Bill McKernan.

Ayes 4 (Perfido, Ballard, McKernan, Hatfield) Nays 0 Absent 3(Sprague, Mellor, Deane)

May 27 minutes approval was postponed until the July meeting in a motion by Ruth Perfido, seconded by Bill McKernan.

Ayes 4 (Perfido, Ballard, McKernan, Hatfield) Nays 0 Absent 3(Sprague, Mellor, Deane)

3. New Business

- Discussion and recommendation of 2014-2015 hunting dates to Town Council. the following memo will go to the Town Council:

To: Town Council

From: Bonny Ryan, Clerk of the Deer Task Force

Date: June 10, 2014

Re: Hunting Dates

At its June 9, 2014 meeting the Deer Task Force made the following recommendation for deer hunting dates for the 2014-2015 season:

Archery: October 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader

November 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 21, 24, 25

December 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12, 15,16, 18, 19

January 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29, 30

February 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

In addition recommendations for pheasant dates:

November 26, December 17, 24

The Deer Task Force respectfully requests that you approve these dates; I have attached a visual aide.

Ongoing Business

- Planning discussion for 2014-2015 hunt season, both development of a possible reimbursement program for qualified BI resident hunters and development of a profession cull.
Chris Blane was the only local hunter in attendance. Discussion on this topic was postponed for a latter meeting.
- Report re: infrared deer survey and DEM flyovers – George Mellor has furnished the attached report. This discussion was postponed for a later meeting.
- Report from Town Solicitor re: sale of non-edible parts. Ruth Perfido reported that Town Solicitor Kathy Merolla could find nothing in the legislation to prohibit reimbursement of non-edible parts.
- Discuss re: reintroduction of check station. Chris Blane is willing to put a plan together for this.

Pat Doyle reminded everyone that this is an immediate health issue and we should be addressing it now.

Ruth Perfido mentioned that Tim Cozine of USDA department of Wildlife services was interested in making a proposal for a cull. This would have to be approved by the DEM.

Chris Blane will start to put together qualifications for BI resident hunters.

Next meeting: July 14, 2014

At 8:35 a motion to adjourn was made by Becky Ballard and seconded by Heather Hatfield and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 7/14/2014

Bonny Ryan